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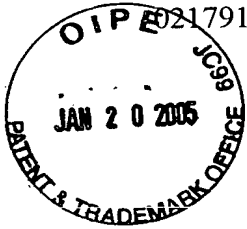
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PATENT APPLICATION

Serial No. 10/649,927



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KOVACEVIC, et al.
Serial No.: 10/649,927
Filing Date: August 25, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1725
Examiner: Geoffrey S. Evans
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE
SIZE OF THE MOLTEN POOL IN LASER-BASED
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING**

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.